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In re Application of: Wayne E. Steeves
Serial No. 09/357,435
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Group Art Unit: 2632
Examiner: Nina C. Tong
Title: *Radio Frequency Identification System and Method*

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto and the comments as set forth below.